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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EMIN, EFIN, EIND, DR
SUBJECT: ALCOA BAUXITE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT, FOLLOWING OUR EFFORTS WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S PALACE INTIMATES TOGETHER WITH THOSE OF ALCOA REP HUGHSON (WITH WHOM WE REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT), THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD HAVE SET THE TERMS OF ALCOA'S NEW CONTRACT A LA JAMAICA HAS BEEN DERAILED. FROM ALL THE ASSURANCES I HAVE RECEIVED FROM THOSE AROUND THE PRESIDENT, I AM REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT THERE WILL BE SUCH LEGISLATION AND THAT A DOMINICAN FORMULA OF NEGOTIATING AT THE BARGAINING TABLE WILL EMERGE.

2. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I SHALL DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S RESTORING THE DISCRETION IT ORIGINALLY GAVE ME AS TO SEEING PRESIDENT BALAGUER ON THIS MATTER. I BELIEVE THAT SEEING HIM SPECIFICALLY ON THE ALCOA CONTRACT WOULD NEEDLESSLY USE SOME OF MY CAPITAL WITH HIM AND MIGHT RAISE THE QUESTION IN HIS MIND AS TO WHETHER I RECEIVED THE "MESSAGES" FROM HIS INTIMATES OR WHETHER I BELIEVED THEM. I WOULD MUCH PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL I HAD SEVERAL THINGS TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT AND ON SUCH AN OCCASION ADDRESS THE ALCOA MATTER. NEEDLESS TO SAY, AS WE CONTINUE TO WATCH THE SITUATION CAREFULLY, I SAHLL SEE HIM IMMEDIATELY SHOULD THE PRESENT FAVORABLE PROSPECT BEGIN
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